

Minutes
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting
Mansfield Community Center Conference Room
May 7, 2014
7:30 pm

- I. Welcome-Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm
- II. Attendance: Sue Harrington, Tom Harrington, Juliana Barrett, Bill Thorne, Jennifer Kaufman (Staff) and Curt Vincente (Staff).
- III. Approval of Minutes- March meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. Old Business
- Park Updates-
 - Dorwart sign needs to be fixed so it is in compliance with DEEP.
 - Merrow Meadow- Wildflower Walk lead by Charlotte, Pat, Roberta, and Becky were a great success. The park needs an invasive management plan and there is a continual issue of dog waste. The waste is not directly on the trail but to the side of it. Jennifer agreed to look into a Dog Waste disposal system.
 - Dunhamtown Forest- The bridge connecting the Sibley property with the Maxfelix subdivision has been complete by an Eagle Scout.
 - Hazardous Trees- Parks and Rec is working on a program to address hazardous trees in the parks. The Town will hire a licensed arborist to identify trees that need to be taken down. Juliana said we should look into a program that UConn is using call Stormwise as a means of managing our trees.
- V. New Business
- My Town Trails App-The Town has joined www.mytowntrails.com to have all of the trails on this app. Volunteers are needed to gps the trails and upload the data. Jennifer is working with EO Smith and the boy scouts to get volunteers. She hopes to have the trail guide app up and running by the end of July.
 - Field Work-Troyer trail still needs to be marked.
 - Walktober-Sue and Tom have agreed to do 3 Walktober walks.
 - Celebrate Mansfield-Sue and Tom will lead a walk in the Moss Sanctuary on Saturday, September 20.
 - The committee agreed to add a discussion of Sponsor Recognition in Town Parks to the agenda. Currently the Park Rules and Regulations prohibit commercial advertising. However there exists an exception for temporary sponsorship signs/banners as permitted. Curt Vincente explained that on Monday, May 12 the Town Council will be reviewing proposed revisions to the Parks Rules that would include allowing not-for-profit organizations to erect permanent sponsorship signs/banners at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department. The Parks Advisory Committee felt comfortable with this so long as this was limited to active recreation areas.
- VI. Announcements-none
- VII. Adjourn-the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.